

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the consideration of the present application afforded by the Examiner. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-21, 23-26, and 33-46 were pending prior to the Office Action. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-21, 23-26, and 33-46 have been canceled and claims 47-58 have been added by the present Reply. Claims 47, 50, 53, and 56 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 18 and 19 have been canceled through this Reply, rendering the rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request that the §101 rejection of claims 18 and 19 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 12, 14-16, 20, 23, 24, and 33-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,765,568 to Swift ("Swift") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,277 to Osaka et al. ("Osaka"); claims 4, 13, 17, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Swift and Osaka, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,581,625 to Connell ("Connell") and U.S. Patent No. 6,496,598 to Harman ("Harman"); claims 10, 18, and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Swift and Osaka and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,004 to Tanaka et al. ("Tanaka"); claims 11, 19, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Swift and Osaka, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,005,607 to Uomori et al. ("Uomori").

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-21, 23-26, and 33-46 have been canceled by the present Reply, rendering the rejections of said claims moot. Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of said claims be withdrawn.

New Claims

New claims 47-58 have been added through this Amendment, and are considered to be in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references teach or suggest, alone or in combination, all the features of independent claims, including at least “*three-dimensional image display control information including first information indicating border image data to be displayed around an image of said three-dimensional image data.*” Accordingly, the claimed invention is distinguishable from the prior art. Applicants request that the claimed invention be allowed.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Notice of same is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John R. Sanders, Reg. No. 60,166 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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